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This book is designed to help elementary teachers plan an integrated unit of study involving sports. It links popular fiction titles on the topic of sports to related nonfiction titles that will fascinate young readers and build their knowledge across the curriculum. The book includes suggestions for individual, small group, and large group activities across disciplines. Multiple book titles allow for choice based on students' interests and skill levels. The titles were selected from various books recommended by children's librarians. Chapters include baseball, basketball, football, soccer, swimming, and track and field. Between the fiction and nonfiction titles in each part are two suggested bridge titles that combine factual information with elements of narrative. They may also include interesting anecdotes and diary entries. Parts 1-4 contain summaries of fiction titles, bridge and poetry titles, and nonfiction titles. For each fiction book, discussion starters and multidisciplinary activities are suggested. For each nonfiction title, topics for further investigation are suggested. These activities involve skills in research, oral and written language, science, mathematics, geography, and the arts. A final chapter lists additional print and nonprint sources. (SM)

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